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TAGS: PORG, EWWT, UR, IMCO

SUBJ: IMCO COUNCIL CHAIRMANSHIP

REF: STATE 157421

1. EMBASSY INITIALLY CONTACTED MFA RE QUESTION OF EDWARD'S
RE-ELECTION. NOT UNEXPECTEDLY FOREIGN OFFICE, AFTER IRST
CONSULTING WITH USSR MINISTRY OF MARITIME FLEET (MMF),
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CLAIMED LACK OF FAMILIARITY WITH SUBJECT AND RECOMMENDED THAT

EMBASSY DEAL EXCLUSIVELY WITH MMF REGARDING THIS MATTER.

2. ACCORDINGLY, JULY 15 EMBOFFS CALLED ON MMF FOREIGN RELATIONS CHIEF I.M. AVERIN (WHO WAS JOINED FOR MEETING BY HIS DEPUTY FOR IMCO MATTERS A.I. ANDREYEV). EMBOFFS PRESENTED NON-PAPER CONTAINING ESSENCE OF PARA 4 REFTEL.

3. AVERIN RESPONDED THAT HE HAD HEARD SEVERAL CANDIDATES WERE BEING PUT FORWARD FOR POSITION OF IMCO COUNCIL CHAIRMAN, MOST PROMINENT OF WHOM IS LONGE OF NIGERIA. LONGE APPEARS TO HAVE SUPPORT, CONTINUED AVERIN, MAINLY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. AVERIN STATED HIS "PERSONAL" PREFERENCE FOR EDWARDS, NOTING HIS CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN IMCO MATTERS AS WELL AS CLOSE AND AMIABLE RELATIONS HE HAS MAINTAINED WITH SOVIET REPRESENTATION AT IMCO. WHILE THIRD TERM FOR COUNCIL CHAIRMAN WOULD BE SOMETHING OF PRECEDENT, AVERIN NOTED, SOVIET UNION DOES NOT OBJECT TO THIS IN PRINCIPLE AND WILL CONSIDER EDWARDS' CANDIDACY "WITHOUT PREJUDICE." AVERIN CONCLUDED BY STATING THAT SOVIET POSITION ON MATTER OF ELECTING COUNCIL CHAIRMAN HAD NOT YET BEEN FORMULATED BUT THAT HE ANTICIPATED A "POSITIVE" HEARING ON MERITS OF RE-ELECTING EDWARDS.
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